

Resilient file uploading with Go

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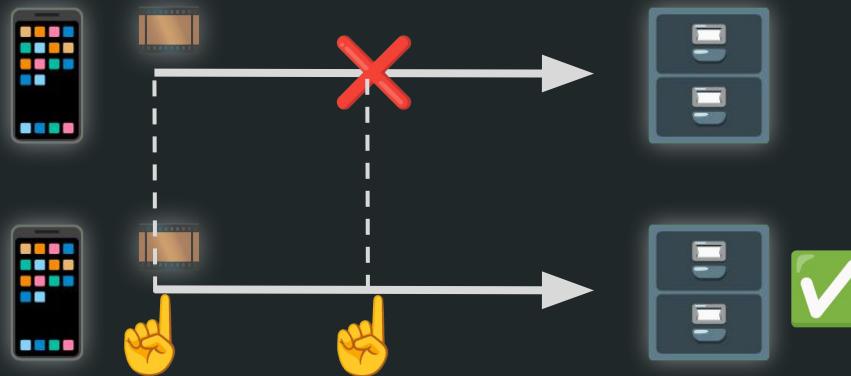
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Typical file uploads over HTTP



👉 File data has to be re-transmitted again 😢

Resumable uploads to the rescue!

Upload resource


POST /files
Length: 20,000



Location: /files/123

HEAD /files/123



Offset: 10,000

PATCH /files/123
Offset: 10,000





Tus.io: resumable uploads for everyone



Open, HTTP-based protocol for
resumable uploads



Open source libraries that are
easy to integrate everywhere

A naive implementation

```
func handleUpload(w http.ResponseWriter, r *http.Request) {  
    ctx := r.Context()  
  
    upload, err := state.GetOrCreateUpload(ctx, r.PathValue("id"))  
    if err != nil { /* ... */ }  
  
    err = upload.Append(ctx, r.Body)    ➡ Create new resource or  
    if err != nil { /* ... */ }  
  
    w.WriteHeader(http.StatusOK)  
}
```

➡ Append request body to upload

A naive implementation

```
func (u *S3Upload) Append(ctx context.Context, reader io.Reader) error {
    f, err := os.CreateTemp("", "upload-part")
    if err != nil { return err }
    defer f.Close()

    _, err = io.Copy(f, r.Body)  !!! Rebuffers body in temporary files,
    if err != nil { return err }      e.g. i/o timeout, unexpected EOF

    err = u.S3.UploadAsPart(ctx, f)  !!! No data is stored on S3
    if err != nil { return err }

    return nil
}
```

```
type happyReader struct {
    src io.Reader
    err error
}

func (r *happyReader) Read(p []byte) (int, error) {
    if r.err != nil { return 0, io.EOF }
    n, err := r.src.Read(p)
    if err != nil {
        r.err = err
        err = io.EOF  ➡ Mask an error as io.EOF
    }
    return n, err
}

func (r *happyReader) Err() error {
    return r.err  ➡ Allow for later retrieval
}
```

```
ctx := r.Context() !! Context gets cancelled if request is cancelled
```

```
upload, err := state.GetOrCreateUpload(ctx, r.PathValue("id"))
if err != nil { /* ... */ }
```

```
reader := &happyReader{src: r.Body} ➡ Wrap request body
```

```
err = upload.Append(ctx, reader) !! NBs upload is shielded from cancellation
if err != nil { /* ... */ }           is updated when it's safe to do so
```

```
err = reader.Err() ➡ Check read errors afterwards
if err != nil { /* ... */ }
```

```
func newDelayedContext(parent context.Context, delay time.Duration)
context.Context {
    ctx, cancel := context.WithCancel(context.Background())

    go func() {
        <-parent.Done()
        <-time.After(delay)  ➡ Propagate cancellation after delay
        cancel()
    }()
}

return ctx
}
```

```
ctx := newDelayedContext(r.Context(), 10*time.Second)
```

👉 Delay cancellation by ten seconds

```
upload, err := state.GetOrCreateUpload(ctx, r.PathValue("id"))
if err != nil { /* ... */ }
```

```
reader := &happyReader{src: r.Body}
```

```
err = upload.Append(ctx, reader)    👉 Saving upload chunk has now
if err != nil { /* ... */ }          additional time 🙌
```

```
err = reader.Err()
if err != nil { /* ... */ }
```

```
func TestNewDelayedContext(t *testing.T) {
    synctest.Test(t, func(t *testing.T) {
        parent, cancelParent := context.WithCancel(t.Context())
        delayedCtx := newDelayedContext(parent, 5*time.Second)
        cancelParent() ➡️ Cancel parent context

        time.Sleep(5*time.Second - time.Millisecond)
        synctest.Wait()
        assert.NoError(t, delayedCtx.Err()) ➡️ Should not be cancelled yet

        time.Sleep(time.Millisecond)
        synctest.Wait()
        assert.Equal(t, context.Canceled, delayedCtx.Err())
    })
}
```

➡️ Should now be cancelled

Shutting down servers

func (*Server) Shutdown

added in go1.8

```
func (s *Server) Shutdown(ctx context.Context) error
```

Shutdown gracefully shuts down the server without interrupting any active connections. Shutdown works by first closing all open listeners, then closing all idle connections, and then waiting indefinitely for connections to return to idle and then shut down.

- ⚠ Long running requests are not stopped
- ⚠ Cancelling context is not enough because `io.Copy` can hang
- ⚠ There is no `io.CopyContext`

```
// Body is the request's body.  
//  
// For client requests, a nil body means the request has no  
// body, such as a GET request. The HTTP Client's Transport  
// is responsible for calling the Close method.  
//  
// For server requests, the Request Body is always non-nil  
// but will return EOF immediately when no body is present.  
// The Server will close the request body. The ServeHTTP  
// Handler does not need to.  
//  
// Body must allow Read to be called concurrently with Close.  
// In particular, calling Close should unblock a Read waiting  
// for input.  
Body io.ReadCloser
```

```
serverCtx, cancelServerCtx := context.WithCancel(context.Background())
```

👉 Server's context

```
ctx, cancel := context.WithCancel(r.Context())
ctx = newDelayedContext(ctx, 10*time.Second)
```

```
go func() {
    select {
        case <-serverCtx.Done():
            r.Body.Close() 👉 Interrupt reads on shutdown
            cancel()
        case <-r.Context().Done():
            // Nothing to do
    }
}
```

👉 Interrupt reads on shutdown

👉 Uploaded data is saved on shutdown
🎉

Key takeaways

- ① Long-running requests can be tricky but...
- ② Handle errors gracefully through shielding
- ③ Use contexts creatively
- ④ net/http has hidden gems everywhere
- ⑤ Resumable uploads implementations: tus.io

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